New eMaryland Marketplace

Solicitation Training

Creation, Setup & Posting



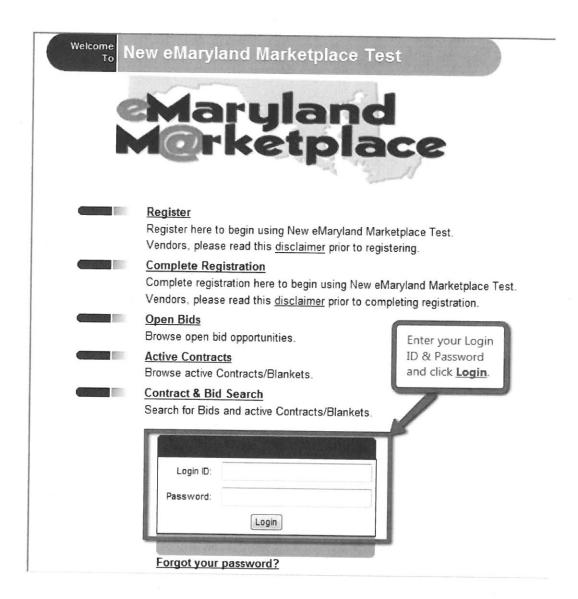
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STEP 1: Create a Bid document.

Login to eMaryland Marketplace.

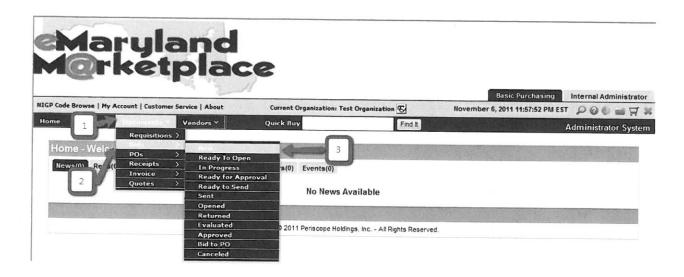


- The homepage for your current role will appear.
- If role tabs appear along the top-right, make sure that the **Basic Purchasing** tab is highlighted. If not, click that tab.
- If no role tabs appear, you only have one role.

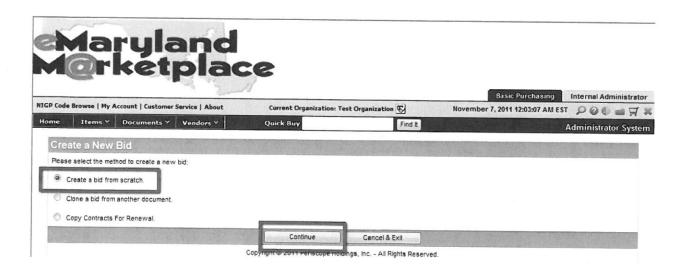




From the Navigation tool bar, hover your mouse over <u>Documents</u>, then <u>Bids</u>, and then click <u>New</u>.

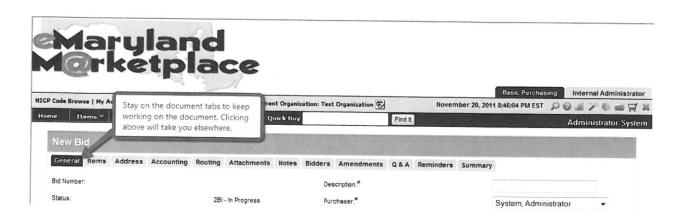


Click <u>Create a Bid from scratch</u> and click <u>Continue</u>.





• The General tab of the Bid document will appear.



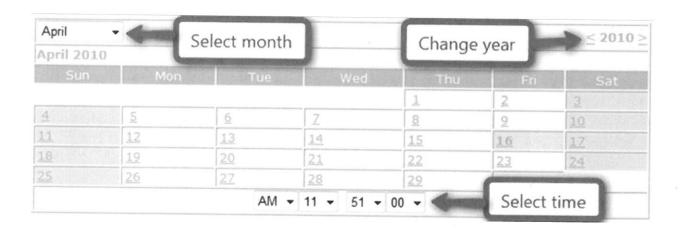
- Complete the following fields. All other fields should be ignored.
 - <u>Description</u> Title of the solicitation.
 - o <u>Type Code</u> Type of solicitation that is being conducted.
 - Fiscal Year Fiscal year that this solicitation is being conducted in.
 - Department Department that the solicitation is being conducted on behalf of.
 - o <u>Location</u> Location that the solicitation is being conducted on behalf of.
 - Allow Electronic Response When checked, vendors can respond to this solicitation online (does not prohibit offline response). When unchecked, vendors must respond offline.
 - Required Date (optional) Date that the solicited goods/services must be delivered by.
 - Bid Opening Date Due date and time for vendor responses to the solicitation. No responses can be submitted after this date (select a time in the future). See note below about selecting dates.
 - Available Date Date and time that vendors will be able to view the solicitation online and respond (select a time in the past to have the solicitation be immediately published after sending). See note below about selecting dates.
 - Bid Type Leave at "Open Bid" unless only a pre-set list of vendors can view and respond to the solicitation, such as with a multi-step solicitation or Task Assignment. If so, pick "Closed Bid."
 - o <u>Alternate ID</u> (optional) Used to document an alternate number for the solicitation.



- Purchase Method Leave at "Open Market" unless a term contract will be awarded and the begin and end dates are known or can be estimated. If so, pick "Blanket."
- <u>Info Contact</u> The contact information that should be used by vendors for the solicitation.
- <u>Pre-Bid Conference</u> Date, time and other information about the pre-bid conference (if applicable).
- o <u>Bulletin Description</u> The long description of the solicitation (optional).

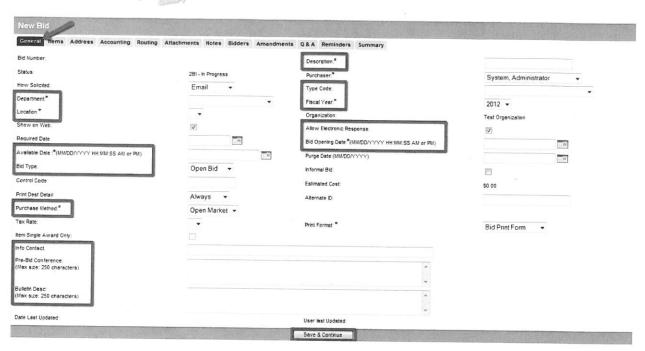
NOTE: Dates can be entered by clicking the calendar icon next to the field. This will display a pop-up window featuring a calendar with dropdown fields to select a time. You must select the time before clicking on the date.



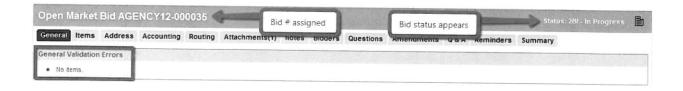


• After all of the fields listed have been completed. Click **Save & Continue**.





• The screen will refresh. The Bid will be assigned a number and status. A red validation error will display. Proceed to the next step.





STEP 2: Create the line-items that can be bid upon.

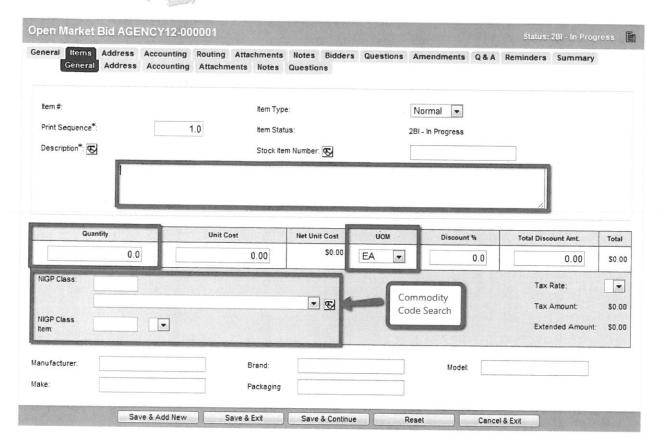
• Click on the Items tab and then click Add Item.



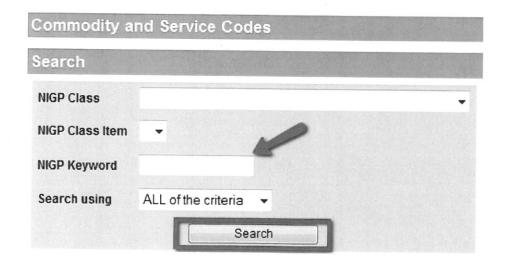
- Complete the following item detail fields. All other fields can be ignored.
 - O Description Fully describe an item that vendors can provide a price quote for, or direct vendors to attached documents (e.g. Specifications) where a description can be found. Also include any other information necessary directing vendors on how to respond.
 - Quantity The quantity of the item desired. For services, will usually be "1."
 - o <u>Unit of Measure</u> The unit of measure for the item.
 - o NIGP Class The first 3 digits of the commodity code.
 - o NIGP Class Item The last 2 digits of the commodity code.

NOTE: Clicking the **eyeglass** icon below the **NIGP Class** field as shown below will allow you to search for a commodity code. The **Commodity Code** field will NOT be used here.





- If you clicked to search for a NIGP Class code, a pop-up with the <u>Commodity and Service</u>
 <u>Codes Search</u> screen will appear.
- Enter a <u>NIGP Keyword</u> and click <u>Search</u>.



The matching results will appear below.

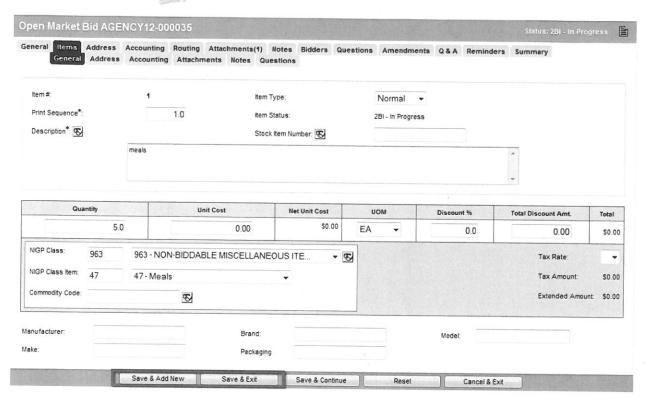


• Click the button for the code you would like to use and click **Save & Exit**.

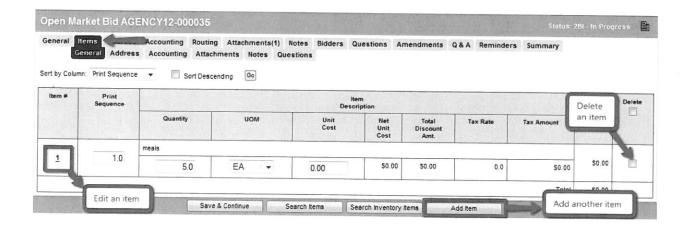
	Code	Description	
0	240-66	Meal Servers, Insulated	
0	393-06	Combination Meals, Shelf Staple (To Include Ready to Eat Prepared Meals) MRE	
0	393-43	Crackers and Cookies, Packaged	
0	393-53	Fruits, Vegetables, and Full Meal Entrees, Dehydrated	
0	393-56	Grocers'Miscellaneous Items: Cake Decorations, Candles, Canned Fuel, Food Preservatives, Matches, Meal Kits, Toothpicks, etc.	
9	393-62	Meal, Corn	
0	952-30	Delivered Meals (Including Shelf Stable Meals and Congregate Meals)	
(A)	963-47	Meals	

- The item details will appear again. Review the item.
- To add another item, click <u>Save & Add New</u> and repeat this step.
- Click <u>Save & Exit</u> once done adding items.





- The list of the items you've added will appear.
- Review your items and make changes as shown below if necessary.

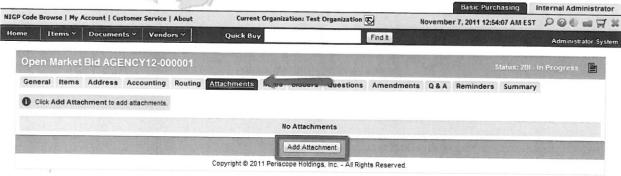




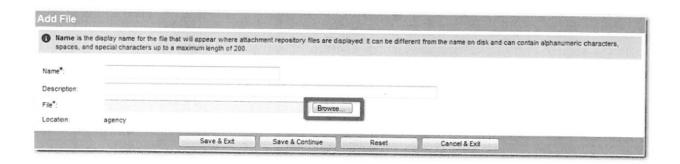
STEP 3: Attach the official solicitation documentation.

• Click the Attachments tab and choose Add Attachment.





- Click the Browse button.
- Your computer's directory will appear.
- Double-click a file to attach.

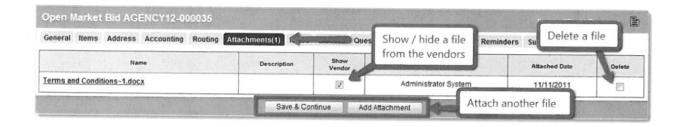


- Enter a **Description** of the file, if desired.
- Click Save & Exit.





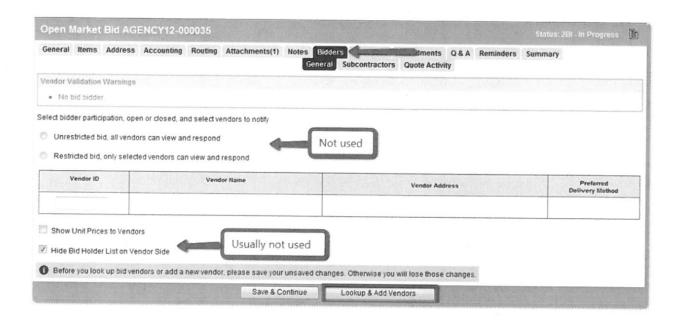
- Your list of attachments will appear.
- Click Add Attachment to attach another file, if desired.



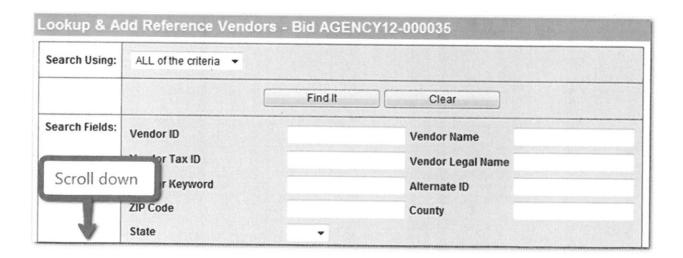


STEP 4: Search and add Vendors to notify.

• Go to the **Bidders Tab** and select **Lookup & Add Vendors**.



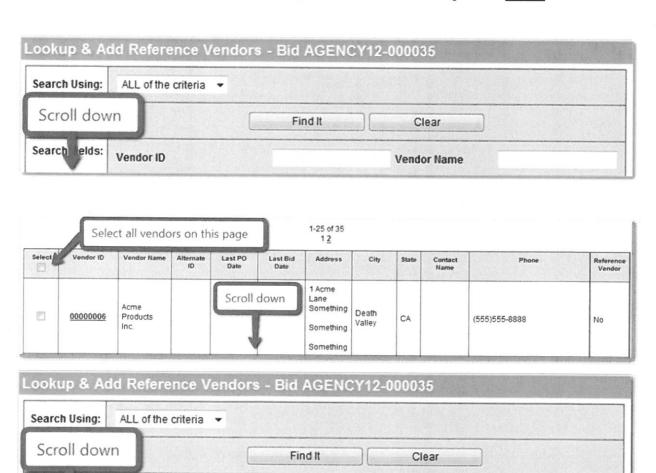
- A search pop-up window will appear.
- Scroll to the bottom of the screen.
- Click the <u>Find Vendors for All Commodity Codes on the Bid</u> button.







- The list of vendors matching the line-item commodity codes will appear below.
- Select the vendors that return by clicking the check box at the top of the **Select** column.

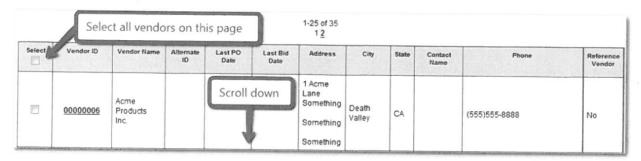


Vendor Name

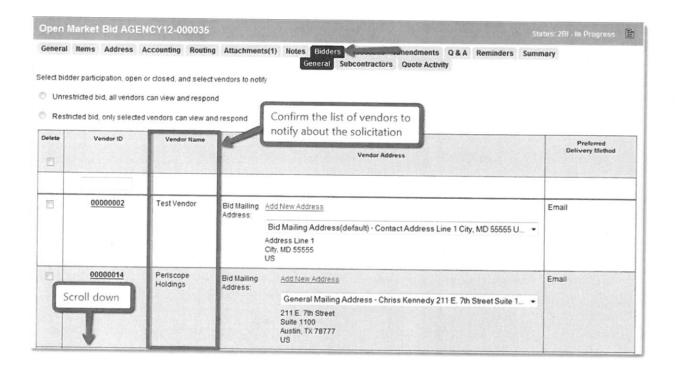
Vendor ID

Search lelds:





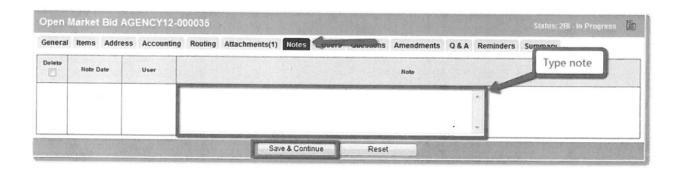
- Click Save & Exit.
- The <u>Bidders</u> tab will appear with all of the selected vendors listed.
- Review the list of vendors to notify.



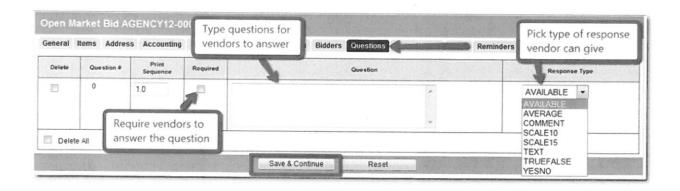


OPTIONAL BID STEPS: Notes, Questions, Q&A and Reminders

- Click the Notes tab.
- Notes are NOT shared with vendors.
- If desired, type in a Note and click Save & Continue.



- Click the **Questions** tab.
- Questions will be asked to vendors during their response.
- Questions are useful only if online responses will be accepted.
- If a Question is checked "Required," the vendor will have to answer it before they can submit an online response.



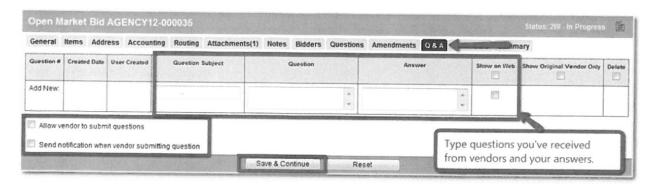
- Vendors can only respond to a Question with the **Response Type** selected.
- The **Response Type** descriptions are below.



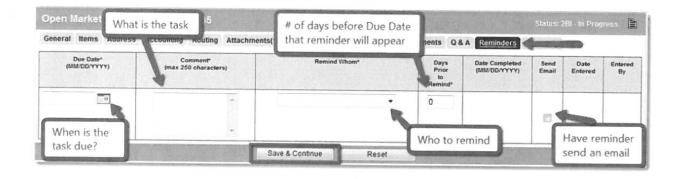
Response Type	Description
	Vendor can select one of the following: Fully provided, Not
AVAILABLE	Provided, Custom Development Required, Provided With
	Modifications, Provided with Reporting or Development Tool
AVERAGE	Vendor can select one of the following: Poor, Below Average,
/WEI/NOE	Average, Above Average, Excellent
COMMENT	Vendor can provide text response of up to 250 characters.
SCALE10	Vendor can select a number from 1 to 10.
SCALE15	Vendor can select a number from 1 to 5.
TEXT	Vendor can provide text response of up to 4000 characters.
TRUEFALSE	Vendor can select either true or false.
YESNO	Vendor can select either yes or no.

- Click the Q&A tab.
- Using Q&A allows you to publish questions you've received from vendors and your answers, if desired.
- To publish Q&A, complete the <u>Question Subject</u>, <u>Question</u> and <u>Answer</u> fields, then click the <u>Show on Web</u> check box and <u>Save & Continue</u>.
- You can also allow vendors to submit questions through eMaryland Marketplace that will show up here for you to answer.
- To enable this, click the check box next to Allow vendor to submit questions.
- If you want to receive a notification every time a vendor submits a question through eMaryland Marketplace, click the **Send notification when vendor submitting question** check box.
- Click Save & Continue.





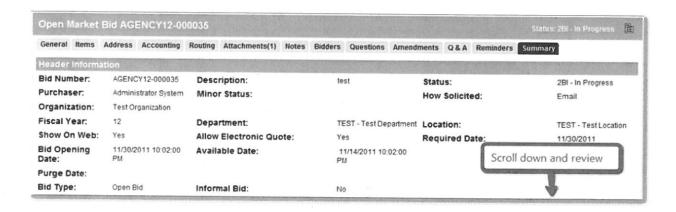
- Click the <u>Reminders</u> tab.
- Reminders allow you to assign a task to yourself or others, if desired.
- Reminders will appear on the assigned user's eMaryland Marketplace Homepage.
- They can also be set to trigger an email.
- To set up a Reminder, complete all of the fields and click <u>Save & Continue</u>.



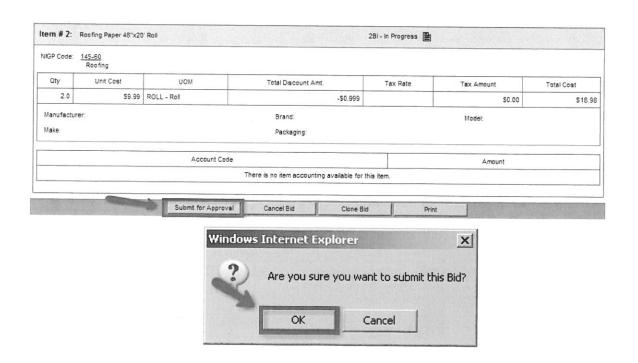


STEP 5: Review and submit the Bid document.

- Select the **Summary** tab.
- You will be able to view all of the information entered on the previous tabs.
- If a red validation error displays along the top of the document, you must return to the appropriate tab and correct the issue.



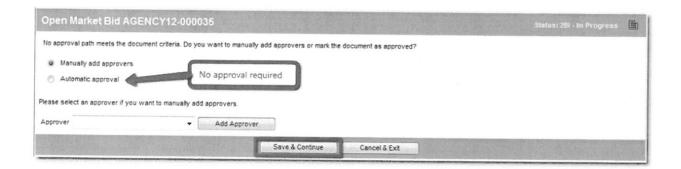
Once you have reviewed your Bid, select <u>Submit for Approval</u> on the bottom of the <u>Summary</u> tab.



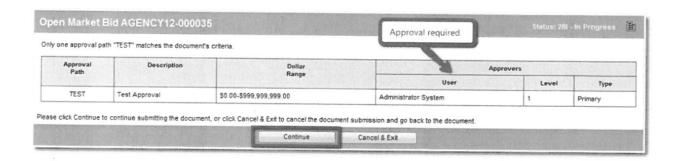


 If your solicitations do NOT require approval, click the <u>Automatic approval</u> button, then <u>Save & Continue</u>.

NOTE: Once you click <u>Save & Continue</u>, you will no longer be able to make changes to the Bid document unless you publish it and create an amendment / addendum. If necessary, click <u>Cancel</u> <u>& Exit</u> to return to the Bid and make additional changes.

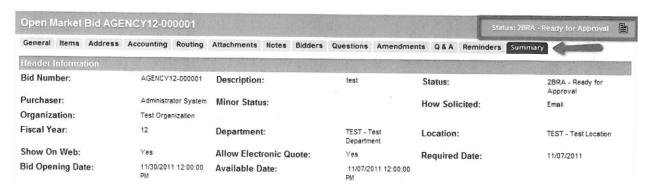


- The **Summary** tab of the Bid document will appear.
- That status of the Bid document is now "Ready to Send."
- You can skip to the next step.

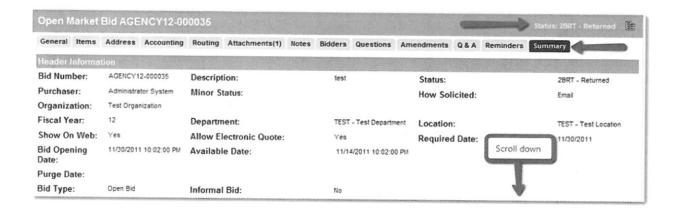


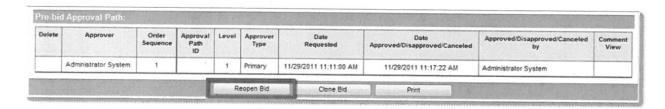
- If your document required approval in eMaryland Marketplace, it will appear in "Ready for Approval" status.
- You cannot make edits to the document.





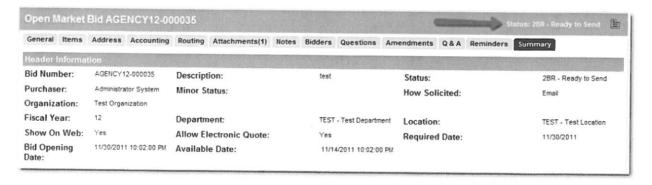
- If one of the approvers disapproves the document, you will be emailed.
- The document will enter a status of "Returned."
- Access the document and click the <u>Reopen Bid</u> on the bottom of the <u>Summary</u> tab to make edits to the document and re-submit it.





Once your document is approved, it will enter a status of "Ready to Send."

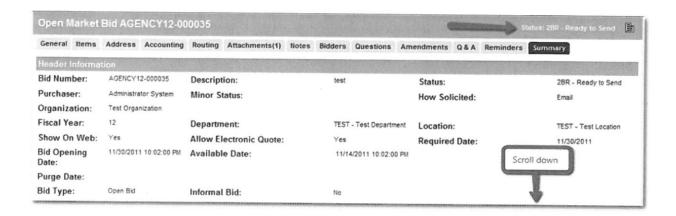






STEP 6: Post the solicitation.

Scroll down to the bottom of the <u>Summary</u> tab of your Bid document to the <u>Send Bid</u>
 <u>Actions</u> section.



- Ensure Change bid status to "Sent" and notify vendors is selected.
- Click Send Bid.

NOTE: Selecting <u>Include Attachment(s)</u> with <u>Vendor Email Notifications</u> is NOT recommended. If notifying many vendors and / or attaching large files to your Bid, this has the potential to slow down your email system.



- The **Vendor Notification Result** screen will appear.
- All of the vendors selected to notify will be listed.

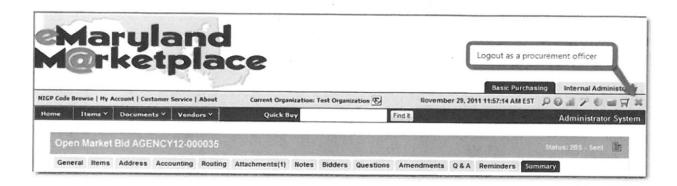


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Recipients		
y Date: 04/23/	2010 11:40:00 AM	
Vendor ID	Vendor Name	Email Address
	W.T. Cox Subscriptions	Amanda Danford (test@goperiscope.com)
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00000525	The Wilkins Group LLC	Tawnya Combe (test@goperiscope.com)



VENDOR STEP (For training only): Respond to the solicitation online.

• Logout of eMaryland Marketplace as a Procurement Officer.

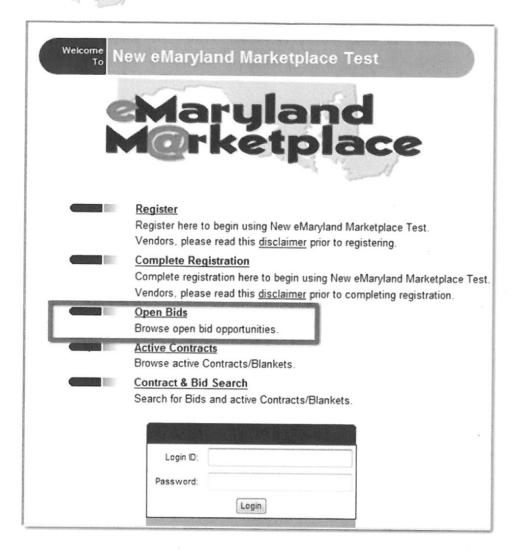


• Click <u>Log In</u> on the screen that appears.



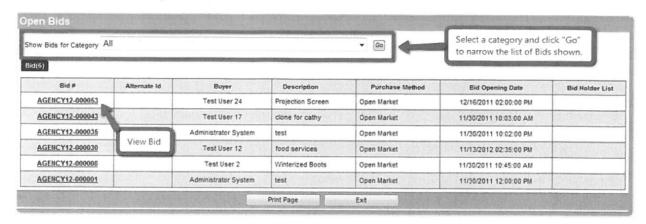
• Click Open Bids on the Login screen.





- Your Bid document should appear listed. Look for your name in the <u>Buyer</u> column.
- If your Bid does not appear, skip to the next step to create an amendment / addendum. The
 issue is one of the following.
 - The <u>Bid Available Date</u> has not been reached yet.
 - o The **Bid Opening Date** has already passed.
 - o The **Bid Type** was set to "Closed Bid."
- If your Bid does appear, click the link in the **Bid#** column.

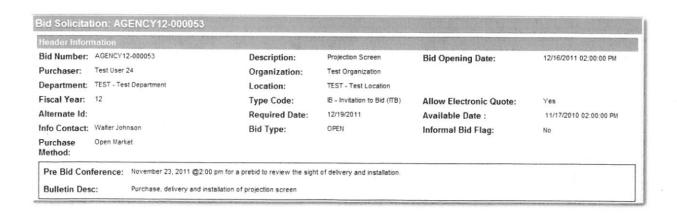




- Upon clicking your Bid, a screen appears alerting vendors that they must log in to acknowledge the Bid and receive future correspondence about it.
- Click Proceed.



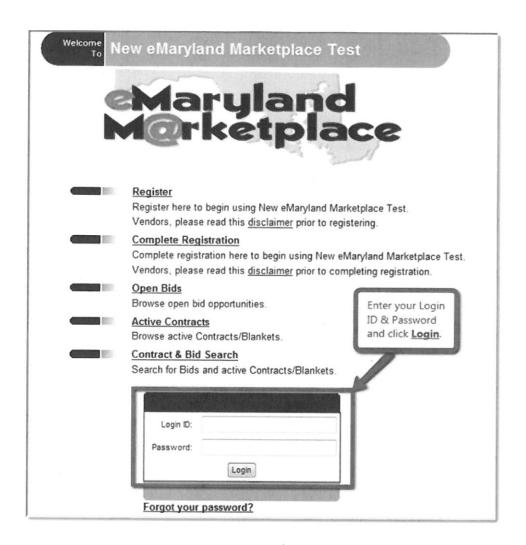
A redacted version of the Bid Summary tab will appear.



- Click the **Exit** buttons on the bottom of the screen until you get back to the Login screen.
- Log in as a vendor in the TEST ENVIRONMENT ONLY with the following information:

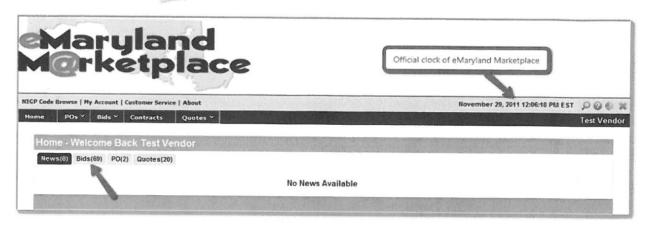


- Login ID vendort
- Password passw0rd

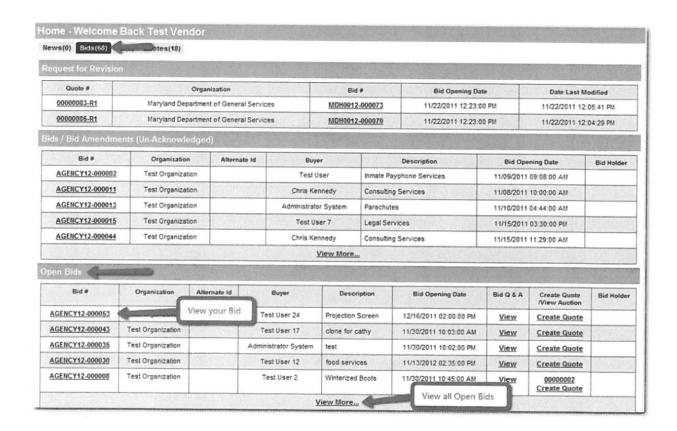


- The vendor Home page will appear.
- Click the <u>Bids</u> tab below the "Home Welcome Back Test Vendor" section.





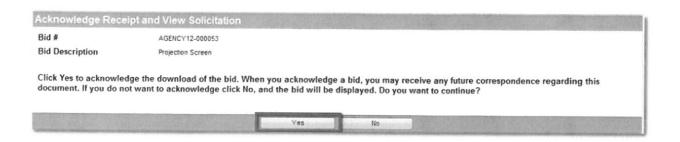
- Scroll down to the "Open Bids" section.
- Click the link in the **Bid#** column for your Bid.
- If your Bid doesn't appear listed, click the <u>View More</u> link at the bottom of this section.



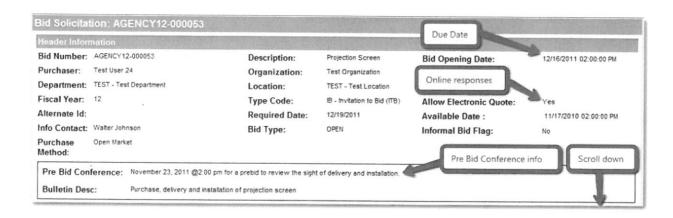
- The <u>Acknowledge Receipt and View Solicitation</u> screen will appear.
- This screen enables vendors you didn't notify about the solicitation to get on the list to receive future notifications about it.



• Click Yes.

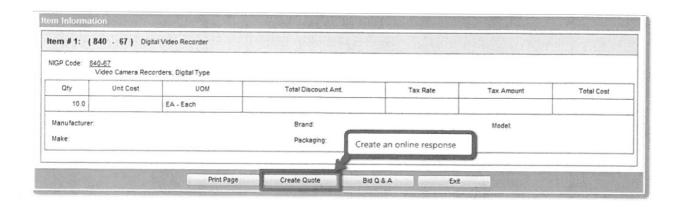


• The redacted version of the Bid Summary tab will appear.



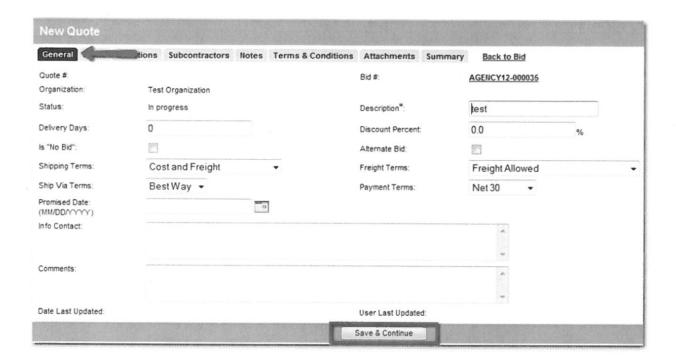
- Scroll down to the bottom of the screen.
- Click the **Create Quote** button to create an online response.

NOTE: This button will not appear if you did not enable online responses.



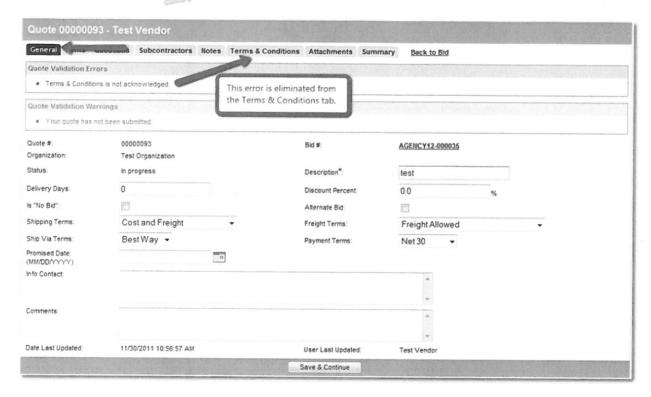


- The General tab of the New Quote document will appear.
- Click Save & Continue on the bottom of the screen.

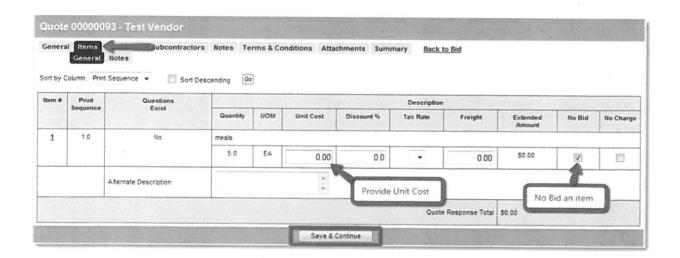


- The screen will refresh.
- A number will be assigned to the Quote document along the top.
- Red "Quote Validation Errors" will appear detailing what information must be completed before the response can be submitted.





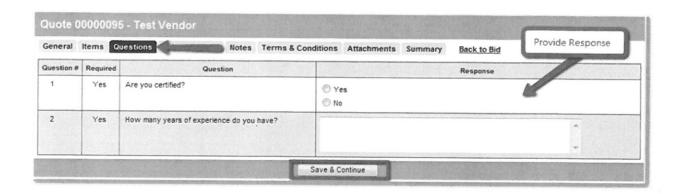
- Click the Items tab.
- Enter a **Unit Cost** for each item.
- Click Save & Continue.



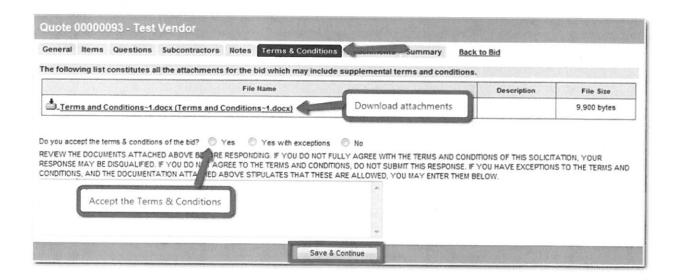
- Click the **Questions** tab.
- Any Questions you set up on the Bid will appear.



- Provide a response to each Question.
- Click Save & Continue.

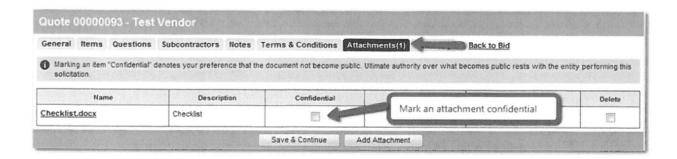


- Click the **Terms & Conditions** tab.
- Each of the documents you attached to the Bid will appear listed.
- Click Yes to accept the terms and conditions.
- If you click **Yes with exceptions** or **No**, you will be forced to enter a comment below.
- Click Save & Continue.

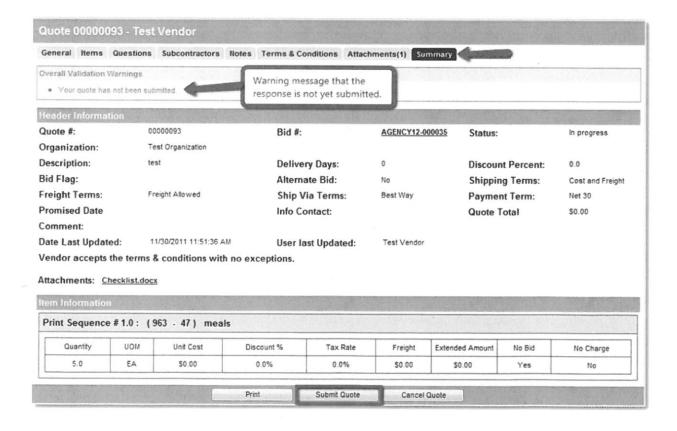


- Click the **Attachments** tab.
- The vendor can attach files to their response from here.
- The vendor can mark an attachment "Confidential" if they don't want it to become public.





- Select the <u>Summary</u> tab.
- You will be able to view all of the information entered on the previous tabs.
- If a red validation error displays along the top of the document, you must return to the appropriate tab and correct the issue.
- Once able, click the **Submit Quote** button on the bottom of the screen.



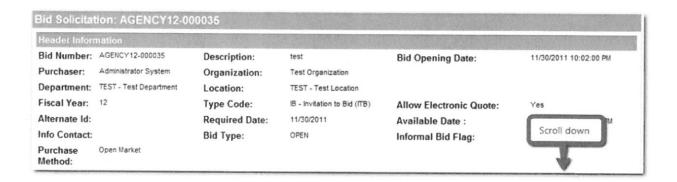
• The screen will refresh.



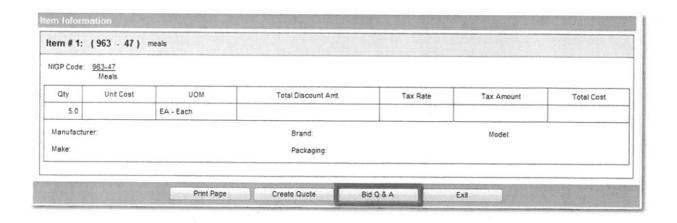
• Click the **Back to Bid** link next to the **Summary** tab.



The Bid document will appear. Scroll down to the bottom of the screen.

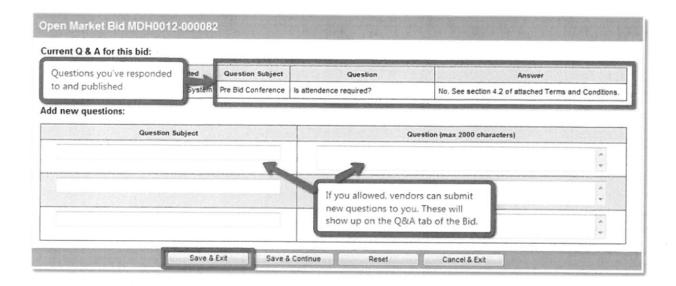


• Click the **Bid Q&A** button.

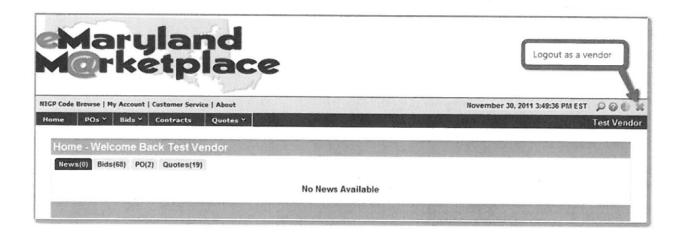




- Any Questions and Answers you've already posted will appear in the "Current Q&A for this bid" section.
- If you allowed vendors to submit questions, then the "Add new questions" section appears.



Log out as a vendor.



• Click **Log In** on the screen that appears.





Login to eMaryland Marketplace as yourself.

